

# Mink, 2006

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Pennsylvania's mink ranchers produced 65,000 pelts in 2006, compared with 61,000 pelts in 2005. Pennsylvania ranked 11th in the nation in 2006 mink pelt production.

The number of females bred to produce kits for 2007 is estimated to be 16,000, up 5 percent from the previous year.

Thirty-four percent of the females bred to produce kits are of the black color class.

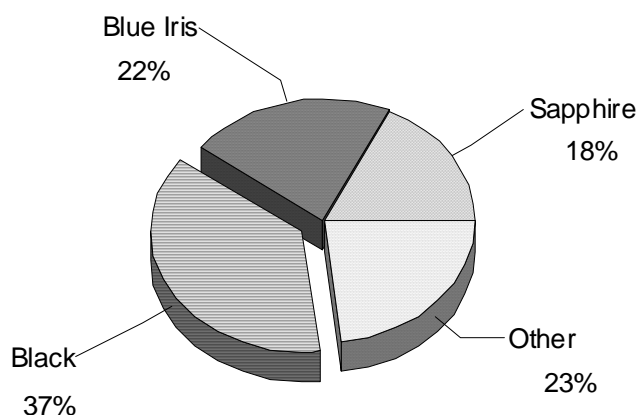
The U.S. average marketing price per pelt produced for the 2006 crop year was \$47.50, down 22 percent from the price of \$60.90 in 2005. Average prices for Pennsylvania are not available.

**Pennsylvania: Mink Pelts Produced & Females Bred, By Color Class, 2004-2007**

Color Class	Pelts Produced			Females Bred to Produce Kits		
	2004	2005	2006	2005	2006	2007
	<i>Number</i>					
Black	18,200	22,700	24,000	4,900	4,800	5,500
Demi/Wild	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pastel	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sapphire	11,700	12,200	12,000	3,400	3,100	3,500
Blue Iris	13,000	13,400	14,000	3,300	3,700	3,500
Mahogany	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pearl	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lavender	1	1	1	1	1	1
Violet	1	1	1	1	1	1
White	1	1	1	1	1	1
Misc. & Unclassified	-	-	2,000	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,900</b>	<b>61,000</b>	<b>65,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>15,200</b>	<b>16,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> Included in total to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**Pennsylvania: Pelt Production, By Color Class, 2006**



**Pennsylvania: Mink Historical Perspective, 1970-2007**

Year	Ranches Producing Pelts	Females Bred	Pelts Produced
	<i>Number</i>		
1970	106	58,000	159,000
1975	54	38,600	121,000
1980	47	44,500	156,600
1985	47	42,400	137,500
1990	24	27,100	95,400
1995	13	19,000	63,200
2000	10	18,300	68,100
2002	8	14,600	53,600
2003	9	14,200	44,600
2004	9	14,900	55,900
2005	9	15,000	61,000
2006	9	15,200	65,000
2007	-	16,000	-